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OUR PORT PHYSICIAN.

The poster in Hawaiian, found at different points in this city, accusing the Board of Health of burying people alive because they would not take the drugs proffered by the physicians of the Board, reads like the work of the Advertiser's Brevet Kahuna, and apparently is only made for the purpose of maligning the Hawaiian and scaring him into taking the medicine offered by Doctors Day, Wood and Emerson.

A reader of our paper thinks we are partial in our criticism of the President of the Board of Health, and says that that official is doing the best he can; that the President is not responsible for his mental limitations. Our reader says that the Port Physician—has escaped criticism, although guilty of gross negligence. The Belgic came here from an infected port, where cholera was raging, and the Port Physician admits, at a public meeting, that the only case of sickness among the passengers was one of diarrhoea. He says this with an innocence that is child-like and bland. The Port Physician is a gentleman, and may be the peer of any physician living; but he is confessedly not a bright quarantine officer. If had been, the case of diarrhoea he would have arrested his attention at once, and put him on guard. The graves of two score and ten Hawaiians, and of Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Dodge, are silent witnesses of gross neglect on the part of the official set to watch our port and ward off disease. That official's resignation is as much in order as that of the President of the Board.

Two passengers arrived on the Belgic who have attracted some attention, Messrs. Awana and Armstrong. The former was a steerage passenger, who states that the deaths occurring on the passage to this port were preceded by vomiting and purging. Mr. Armstrong has gained some notoriety as counsel for the doctor of the Belgic, who stated, on the voyage, to the returning commissioner, who probably employed at the time in sipping champagne and seltzer, that the deaths were the

result of pneumonia and heart disease, which statement Mr. Armstrong accepted without question.

If there is a doctor on board a steamship plying between the west coast of America and ports in the Orient, who will admit that the vessel under his medical charge has contagious or infectious disease on board, he is an innocent and should be raked up with Mr. Armstrong and put to writing another labor report.

The worst scared man in these islands lives in Kohala, by the way, and he is a medical man, too. Why not make him port physician?

CATCH THE VILLAIN.

All scoundrels are not yet in jail—or hung—in Hawaii. Saturday night or early Sunday morning a miscreant posted round a notice which declared that two persons—a man and a woman—were attempted to be buried alive because they would not take the Board of Health medicine. The most gruesome details were given as to how they were placed in their coffins—their mouths filled with wax—and then taken to Makiki cemetery. There the coffins were opened and the unfortunate—"so-called"—victims, were able to explain the details. The deadly devilishness of this inflammatory attempt at raising a riot becomes apparent when the conditions are considered. Let all intelligent Hawaiians and others think. First: Is any coffin opened before burial? Second: If any person sick and about to die, had their mouths filled with wax, for the time it would take to get to Makiki cemetery from their homes, or from the hospital, would they be able to speak even if the coffin was opened? Third: If such a thing was attempted to be done is not Father Valentine there? Would he not say or do something to stop such an infernal operation? The whole thing is simply an idiotic and Satanic attempt to gain revenge. Be reasonable! and remember that all are now working for the common good. Give up the name of the author of this infamous slander—this destroyer of public confidence. All are now working—Hawaiians side by side with foreigners—to combat our dread enemy, the cholera disease. No one, either foreigner or Hawaiian, but wishes to see the pestilence stamped out. And here comes a person—no doubt actuated by *imihala*—who wishes to restore terror and distrust by circulating falsehoods. Let him be punished severely. For terror is more than half of the root of the disease.

HE WAS RECEIVED.

Betting was free in Honolulu in regard to the landing of ex-Marshall Hitchcock at Hilo.

The high official got there but his beauty and authority were not enough to land him.

The people in Hilo knew about his coming and they were aware of the presence of Sheriff Andrews of Maui. The brave man did not shake, however, and the arbitrary ex-Marshall received a rather cool reception.

It was reported, says our correspondent, that Mr. Hitchcock was coming. It was also stated that the said sheriff proposed to land by —, and don't you forget it!

He did not, however. He found that the people who now control Hilo ran down a fire engine to the

wharf, put up steam and armed their faithful followers for the purpose of carrying through their object. It is not for us to say if they are right or wrong.

All that is necessary is to report that ex-Marshall Hitchcock, the sheriff of Hawaii, is doing his "pretty" on Cocoanut Island and will spend ten days there in accomplishing the will of his subjects.

In the meantime the air between Cocoanut Island and Hilo will be extra indigo blue. Between the complexion of Sheriff Hitchcock and Sheriff Andrews the atmosphere on Cocoanut Island will continue to be red—very red. And Hilo for ten days at least will look as pleasant as ever.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Kauai people are still on their ugly. Is it not better for the gentlemen of the "garden island" to fall into line shortly?

We tried to publish the duet sung by Hitchcock and Andrews from Cocoanut Island across the Hilo Bay, but our ink turned so blue, and the sulphuric stench—however disinfesting during cholera—made our sanitary sub-inspector and "pressly" foreman agree on a discontinuance.

To reverse the saying "In the midst of life we are in death," the Anglican Church Chronicle brings up the matter of registration of births during our present epidemic. Wouldn't it be better to endeavor to prevent the deaths and when that is done see how many births have taken place to replace "those not lost, but gone before."

Editorially the Advertiser at last admits: "One is inclined to lose all faith in human nature and admit that half the world is made up of idiots proud of their ignorance and desirous of blindfolding the remaining half." We have thought that for a long while, in regard to the Advertiser and its management. "There is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine that need no repentance."

The Advertiser loses no chance to be little, and asperse the Hawaiians. In its resume on the situation this morning, it says under the heading "natives indifferent about work." Several "natives in the city who have been employed at different places at good wages are becoming somewhat indifferent to work." It goes on to state as long as they can get enough to eat they won't work, and twenty-three lines further down it says in reference to an offer of work by Jas. Campbell to idle natives, "Many of them took advantage of the kind offer and are working at different places on the ranch and seem entirely satisfied." Could the force of prejudice and the habit of misrepresentation further go?

In the Advertiser editorial columns we find the following:

"Under high tension the individual and party magnifies its opinions to a degree of importance that obliterates the rights of others, and the power of reflection or recognition of the integrity of men who are guiding the destiny of the nation seems entirely forgotten. While charity toward public officials can hardly be expected, it is within the range of every average mind to exercise a fair degree of common sense in considering their action. It is easy to accuse men of being awayed by party jealousies and individual aspirations, but it is quite another thing to prove the truth of the accusation. In times of public trial, of all others, all the calm, sober judgment that each individual can

muster should be brought into play. There is no time or place for hatching petty misrepresentation."

It is wonderful how the Advertiser has just found it out. Now it is their own friends who are attacked. So they come out and explain in platitudes why criticism should be suspended. In old days when times were good they did the same themselves. Now they have come round to our views and ask for suspension of criticism. We agree with the proposition. It has always for years been our policy and has governed our actions. What surprises us, though, is that the filibustering methods are now to be laid aside by the Advertiser, and we are begged not to retaliate. Under present circumstances we shall not do so. But the time no doubt will come when we shall have to justly, fairly and straight-forwardly criticize many things we are now silent about, in our time of common trouble.

A Narrow Escape.

Mr. Edmund Giffard last Saturday came very nearly adding another number to the many who lately suffered from accidents through horseback riding.

The popular young gentleman, who for several years has been a clerk in the office of Spreckels & Co. and Irwin & Co., and who is the younger brother of Mr. W. M. Giffard, the managing partner of the last named firm, mounted his horse last Saturday afternoon to take his usual ride after work.

His horse, which is very spirited and which never should have been ridden without the curb, was passed to the rider with a racing bit. The spirited animal took control of the bit and ran away with Mr. Giffard, who was thrown outside the tennis court by the infuriated animal.

Mr. Giffard sustained a most serious fall and caused his many friends much uneasiness. He was brought to the residence of Dr. Herbert where he received all necessary attendance and was later on conveyed home.

We are pleased to state that his injuries have now been pronounced as without danger and that in a few days our friend will be able to be up and around again.

Ex-judge Robertson and acting-judge Wilcox had a few unpleasant words this morning in the District Court. Robertson represented the "Thirteen," and Wilcox wasn't anxious to "sit on them." The case of the unlucky number will come off *mahope!*

Ladies are reminded that L. B. Kerr has renewed his stock of Gingham, White Cotton Ducks and Printed Lawns. The very latest patterns and fashions are represented in this large assortment.

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Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Sept. 11, 1895.

For years have residents of Honolulu overbid each other in extolling the sanitary conditions of Hawaii's capital and advertising it as the healthiest and most beautiful place in the world; we have done this so often and for such a length of time that we finally came to believe what we said and wrote.

The beauty is here but the recent epidemic has clearly demonstrated that the beauty was not even "soil" deep. We have been roughly awakened to find that the drinking water is impure and unfit for domestic purposes; that the atmosphere is polluted; and that the town generally is in as filthy condition as any Oriental overcrowded city.

Officials and private citizens have been aroused and the epidemic will cause a thorough cleansing of Honolulu, the construction of proper sewerage, and also a general sense of the necessity to adopt for each house and each individual proper sanitary precautions.

We have placed in the market a filter for water taps. It is not everybody who can afford to purchase water filters but no house should be without the Tap Filter. The filter will fit all 1/2 in. taps, and the water running through it will be thoroughly filtered. All water should be boiled before using but it is necessary to filter it before boiling, and for that purpose the Tap Filter is the most practical and simplest apparatus. We sell them for \$1.00 each.

Robert's Ozonator which has recently won a great reputation in the United States is the surest and cheapest disinfectant known. From the Ozonator is diffused "Sanitas Vaporizer Mixture" which is unequalled as a germ destroyer, and the smell of which is pleasant and not nauseating like other disinfectants. The Ozonator ought to be placed in all water closets, bathrooms and other places exposed to an unhealthy air. The effects of the Ozonator are antiseptic, disinfecting and deodorizing. In sick rooms, where the patients suffer from diseases breeding foul odors, the disinfecting apparatus has proven a boon and promptly destroyed the foulness of the air. The Ozonator costs only \$5.00, and nobody purchasing one will ever regret the investment.

Besides discussing the above sanitary goods we will call attention to the new Electric Vibrating Bell which we sell for the low price of \$2.50. For that amount the purchaser gets fifty feet of wire, a dry battery, the vibrating bell and the necessary staples, etc. The bell is easily put up and it will prove a great convenience to people whose servants live in detached cottages, or who wish facilities to call up their stables, etc. Merchants and owners of warehouses or stores will also find the bell a great convenience, and the low price brings it within reach of all.

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